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New York, Oct. 28.—The Christian Science publication committee were busy to-night sending out denials of the statement published in the World on Sunday that Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, the leader of the church, is dying of cancer at Concord, N. H., and that it is planned in her public appearance in carriage drives is being taken by Mrs. Pamela G. Leonard, of Brooklyn, as a substitute.

The statement also concerned itself with the probable disposition of her fortune, which was placed at \$15,000,000. It was declared Mrs. Eddy is not sick, as is set forth, and that she is not being kept in close seclusion. The charge was made that a substitute was being sent out, so that if Mrs. Eddy really were sick, her failure to take her daily drive should not cause comment.

Said She Has Shaking Palsy.

There has been some discussion as to whether it would be permitted to come out should Mrs. Eddy die, as it has been said that the news of her death would go a great way toward breaking the hold the Church of Christian Scientists has obtained.

As far as the facts can be learned, Mrs. Eddy, who for three years has been in seclusion in her home in Concord, is not a sufferer from cancer. This is a disease that carried off six members of her family, and for that reason it was deemed likely that she might be suffering from it.

As a matter of fact, Mrs. Eddy has been a sufferer from shaking palsy for a long while, and as she is about eighty-five years of age, not considered to be in good health. One of the representatives of the church in Pennsylvania said to-day he had visited Mrs. Eddy's home about three weeks ago, and that at that time she was "half and hearty."

Say Fortune Is Overestimated.

Further than that, this representative declared that Mrs. Leonard's son had made the positive statement that his mother never had ridden in Mrs. Eddy's carriage. It is known that on occasion Mrs. Eddy has had attacks which kept her indoors, and that some person, presumably a nurse, had been sent out in her place to take a drive, with the idea of averting any suspicion that might be aroused if Mrs. Eddy's carriage did not go out at its regular hour.

The matter of Mrs. Eddy's fortune and the disposal of it, a subject which has caused considerable discussion, is based on false estimates, as far as can be learned. About \$5,000 copies of Mrs. Eddy's book, "Science and Health," have been published, and the proceeds from this are figured at about \$100,000. The popular estimate of the Eddy fortune has been about ten times that sum. The money is invested for the most part in government bonds.

SECRETARY MAKES DENIAL.

Says Mrs. Leonard Was at Home While Mrs. Eddy Was Driving.

Boston, Oct. 28.—In a statement issued by Calvin Fry, for twenty years Mrs. Eddy's secretary, the story in a New York paper to the effect that the leader of the Christian Scientists, Rev. Mary Baker Eddy, by reason of afflictions is unable to leave her home and is therefore being impersonated by Mrs. Leonard, of New York, is emphatically denied. He says:

"Mrs. Eddy, as she herself wrote to the Boston Herald on October 19, 1906, is in her usual good health. She is not slowly dying from cancer, nor has she a cancer or any chronic or organic or functional disease. She has never been visited by a cancer specialist, or do I or anybody else provide old school surgeons and physician denials, and the entire range of pharmacy, for attendance upon Mrs. Eddy, as it is stated by the World.

"Had the reporters of the World really desired to know whether Mrs. Leonard impersonated Mrs. Eddy on Mrs. Eddy's drive, it would have been a very simple matter for these reporters to have called at Pleasant View while Mrs. Eddy was driving and asked for Mrs. Leonard, and they taken this ready way of verification they would have had no trouble in seeing Mrs. Leonard herself and talking with her."

SAYS MRS. EDDY IS WELL.

Washington Member of the Church Receives Telegram from Boston.

Christian Scientists in Washington—and they number many sincere and substantial people—declare that the New York World's story regarding Mrs. Eddy, the head of the church, is wholly devoid of truth. The World devoted several columns in its Sunday issue to the subject of Mrs. Eddy's ill-health, her vast wealth, &c. Scientists here say that a careful reading of the story shows that on their face they are obviously false and born of sensationalism.

Mr. Edwin E. Norwood, of the Christian Science publishing committee, after reading the abstract of the World's story printed in The Washington Herald yesterday, wired Mr. Alfred Farlow, of Boston, regarding Mrs. Eddy's health, and received the following answer:

"The clerk of the other church referred to," said Mr. Norwood, "is William B. Johnson, a gentleman of honesty and unquestionable veracity, and neither he nor any other Christian Scientist would have any desire to conceal anything concerning Mrs. Eddy. We are all well, but understood her better, her unselfishness, noble life-work, and broad impersonal love for mankind; her acts of charity and benevolence."

"Some time since," to confute the charge that she is mercenary, her secretary showed that her gifts and charities, for some years back, averaged over \$88,000 yearly. This would appear to be a good record for one who told the tax-assessor, in answer to his question, 'No, I am not a millionaire, and shall never be so long as there are so many poor people in the world.' So this confutes the statement that she is worth \$15,000,000, or has an income of \$1,000,000 a year. As the world

SEATS IN CONGRESS

Republican Majority Likely to Be Materially Reduced.

DEMOCRATS AGAIN MIXED UP

Their Prospects Looked Decidedly Promising Three Months Ago, with Tariff Reform as the Slogan, but Strange Issues Have Been Injected Into Campaign—Party at Sea Again.

O. O. Stealy, in Louisville Courier-Journal.

There is the usual speculation here as to the control of the next House of Representatives. As the Republicans now have a majority of 114 in the House, it seems hardly possible that they would lose control of that body. This large majority, however, was obtained by the great Roosevelt tidal wave that swept over the country two years ago, and it overwhelmed the few resolute Democrats who stood up and made a fight for their party. In this Waterloo for the Democrats there were many reasons why they were swept down and out, which are unnecessary to enumerate. It is sufficient to say that of the many causes leading to the slaughter of the innocents only a few now exist, and there are excellent reasons to believe that the Democratic party, with the aid of organized labor, will show up better at the polls Tuesday week than it did in 1902, and perhaps as well as it did in 1902. In fact, therefore, to get a line on the coming elections, with a view of arriving at an intelligent opinion as to the outcome, it is proper to make comparison with the Congressional election of four years ago. It is hardly probable though that the opposition to the Republican party is as strong this year as it was in 1902.

BELMONT WANTS ACCOUNTING

Asks Political Party Chairmen to Publish Campaign Expenses.

Writes to Both Sherman and Griggs in Interest of Publicity Law Organization, by Request.

Hon. Perry Belmont, who took a prominent part in the effort made at the last session of Congress to have passed a national publicity bill compelling the national and Congressional committees to make public a statement of their campaign contributions, has addressed letters upon the subject to Chairman Sherman of the Republican Congressional Committee, and Chairman Griggs, of the Democratic Congressional Committee. Mr. Belmont states in his letter that the executive committee of the Publicity Law Organization has requested him to ask the chairman of the Congressional committees to make public, at a reasonable time after the election, a statement of the receipts and expenditures of their respective committees.

Following is the letter sent out by Mr. Belmont:

"There was manifested at the last session of Congress a prevailing opinion upon both sides of the House, as well as on both sides of the Senate chamber, in favor of the principle of publicity in regard to campaign funds, although the proposed legislation did not reach final action. Believing that you approved such a law, the executive committee of the National Publicity Law Organization, which includes in its membership governors of Democratic and Republican States, presidents of all our great universities, representatives of our organized labor, and members of the Republican and Democratic National Committees, has authorized me to address you, and to suggest that at a reasonable date after the pending Congressional election, you make public the receipts and expenditures of your committee."

"I am also requested to call your attention to the fact that there are publicity laws existing in a number of the States, and that your voluntary action, upon the suggestion of our organization, would be a most important aid in rendering such laws effective and in securing the publication of campaign contributions and expenditures."

RESCUES FIVE FROM BLAZE

Fireman Carries Woman and Two Children Down Ladder.

Also Helps Two Men to Safety After Smashing Doors that Kept Them Prisoners in Burning House.

New York, Oct. 28.—A thrilling rescue of three men, a woman, and two tiny children marked a fire that broke out in the cellar of 32 Livingston street to-night. Policeman Friedlander rushed into the house and routed out the various families, driving those on the lower floors into the street and the others to the roofs of adjoining tenements.

All got out in safety with the exception of Frederick Narrotte, his two male boarders, and his wife and their three children. They tried to get out, but the door of their house jammed, and when the firemen arrived they were screaming and threatening to jump from the windows. Fireman John L. Roth threw a ladder up against the window and to the flat adjoining, and after getting into this smashed down the intervening doors, and brought the party out.

Direct from the street ahead of him, and carried Mrs. Narrotte and the two children down the ladder. Another rescue was that of Mrs. Bessie Weltman, who had given birth to a child early this morning. She was in the cellar of the building on the ground floor and within a few feet of the fire. She was feeble and unable to move. Her screams were heard by Harry Berkeff, whose tailor shop is next door, and he rushed through the smoke to her assistance. She and her baby were carried to safety without injury to either.

In the tenement house on Livingston street, and the adjoining building at 35 Livingston street, which also filled with smoke, there live fully forty families, Jewish and Italian. The damage was slight.

ORDER STRIKE ON CONRIED.

Unions Support Chorus Singers in New York Theater.

New York, Oct. 28.—The Central Federation of Musicians passed a resolution to-day calling on the following organizations to order their men on strike to-morrow in the Metropolitan Opera House, to force Director Conried to employ the members of Chorus Singers' Union, composed of last year's chorus: Theatrical Protective Union, composed of the stage hands; Local 30, of the American Federation of Musicians; Bill Posters' Union; Engineers' Union; No. 20; Firemen's Union, No. 56, and Electrical Workers' Union, No. 33.

This action followed the reading of a report of a meeting of the executive committee.

The report stated Miss Roslyn, of the Chorus Singers' Union, made the principal plea on the behalf of the chorus singers. She is quoted as having said that the present condition of affairs is intolerable. After the reading of the report the resolution was passed, with another resolution to the effect that the organizations which failed to obey the order should be suspended from the Central Federation of Musicians.

Musical to Hamlet's Soliloquy. London, Oct. 28.—Sir Frederick Bridge, the eminent composer and organist of Westminster Abbey, in the course of a lecture at Brighton, introduced a musical setting to Hamlet's Soliloquy, beginning "To be, or not to be." This was only recently discovered, and is ascribed by the lecturer to a member of Shakespeare's company, it having been composed a few years after the poet's death.

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